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New AWBA Chairman...and others?

The selection of Senator Herbert R. Guenther as the new Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources was announced on December 11, 2002. Senator Guenther began serving under Governor Napolitano's appointment in January. Senate confirmation of the appointment is still pending but is anticipated in the next few weeks. As the new Director of the ADWR, Senator Guenther is, by statute, the new Chairman of the Arizona Water Banking Authority.

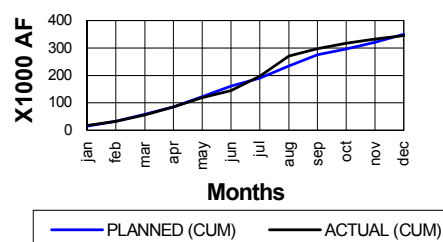
As previously reported, the appointments of AWBA members Bill Chase, Tom Griffin and Dick Walden have expired. The members will continue to serve until new appointments are made by Governor Napolitano, however, it is possible that new appointments may be made before the March AWBA meeting.

Interstate Water Banking Update

At the December 18, 2002 AWBA meeting, the Authority approved and signed the remaining two agreements required by the federal rule regarding off-stream storage of Colorado River water. The two agreements are: the **Storage and Interstate Release Agreement** between the AWBA and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District; and the **Agreement for the Development of Intentionally Created Unused Apportionment** between the AWBA, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and the Bureau of Reclamation. Execution of these agreements completes the process necessary to store water on behalf of Nevada and create unused apportionment for their benefit. In 2002, the AWBA stored more than 66,000 acre feet of water on behalf of Nevada. In the early 1990's, CAP stored 50,000 acre feet for Nevada. Thus, the total amount of water stored in Arizona on Nevada's behalf is now more than 116,000 acre feet or almost 40% of their annual allocation of Colorado River water. The agreements can be found on the AWBA web page or hard copies can be obtained by contacting Nan Flores.

AWBA Water Deliveries

2002 DELIVERIES (by Month) Planned vs. Actual



November and December Water Deliveries

	NOV	DEC
Phoenix AMA	7,066 AF	5,130 AF
Pinal AMA	5,496 AF	4,061 AF
Tucson AMA	1,997 AF	3,458 AF
	14,559 AF	12,649 AF

Total Deliveries (2002)	331,921 AF
Planned Deliveries (2002)	360,705 AF

News from the CAP

- ▶ CAP broke a number of operational records in 2002 including annual water deliveries (1.68 MAF), diversions from the Colorado River (1.58 MAF), and monthly water deliveries (230,596 AF in July).
- ▶ The first water deliveries were made to the Hieroglyphics Mountain Recharge Project on January 2, 2003.

Indian Firming Workshop

In December, staff were directed to organize a workshop to explore the potential role the AWBA may play in the firming of Indian water rights. Due to uncertainty regarding status of AWBA members, the workshop will be held in April. The final date and the agenda will be distributed to the AWBA's mailing list.

2003 Authority Meetings

Wednesday, March 19, 2003
Wednesday, June 18, 2003
Wednesday, September 17, 2003
Wednesday, December 17, 2003

All meetings are tentatively scheduled from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR in Conf. Rooms A and B.

Personnel Updates

[Joseph C. Smith](#) - former director of ADWR and chairman of the AWBA retired from state service and joined the Arizona Center for Public Policy.
[Bill Chase](#) - former water advisor with the City of Phoenix, current AWBA member, retired in December to spend more time with his horses.
[Chuck Cahoy](#) - former ADWR deputy counsel and counsel for the AWBA joined the City of Mesa as a Utilities attorney.
[Herb Dishlip](#) - deputy director of Statewide Planning at ADWR will retire on February 21, 2003 to embark on a new career as a private consultant.

E-mail Update Requested

In an effort to defray mailing costs in light of the current budget situation, the AWBA is asking for your help. If you are able to receive AWBA mail-outs in electronic format, please contact Nan Flores and provide her with your most current e-mail address. The AWBA will continue to provide hard copies of mail-outs to individuals as needed. Additionally, all AWBA materials are available in hard copy upon request.

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